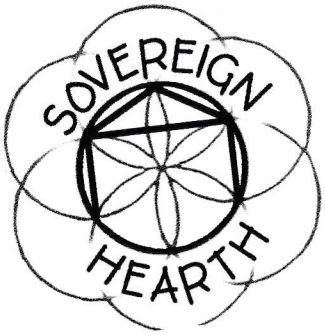
Why Does Sovereign Hearth Primarily Choose to Buy Historic *(preferably timber frame)* Houses?



Usually Cheaper and Less Competitive to Aquire

The primary goal of Sovereign Hearth is the acquisition and maintenance of property for shelter and food production.
In our current housing market, the negative myths perpetuated about historic houses keep them cheaper and more accessible than more recently built homes. Also, many sentimental home owners would rather sell them cheaper to someone who is going to love them vs developers who will see them as disposable and tear them down.

Usually Easier to Fix With a Knowledgeable Community

Contrary to the myth that historic houses are money pits, even historic houses with structural or other issues can be repaired for the same price or cheaper than a modern house. Many moden houses were built with profit in mind and their construction is not designed to be repaired, only replaced.
Stick frame buildings require invasive techniques in order to repair structural issues, whereas timberframe structures can be readjusted timber by timber to achieve stabilization.

Generational Wealth

The goal of Sovereign Hearth is to remove people and families from the exploitive rental housing market. If someone buys a house, their investment needs to continue to provide shelter for as many generations to come as possible- or else each new generation will be back in the position of being exploited in order to shelter themselves. Historic houses have withstood hundreds of years and can be maintained and loved so that they withstand hundreds more. Modern building materials, (unless it is an expensive custom house) simply are not as durable and long lasting due to the effects of capitalism on the building market.

A Commitment to Sustainability and Anti-Consumerism

Historic Houses are built with local materials and if they were to be abandoned, they would decay and return to the earth. They have stood the test of time, proving they do not need to be replaced. We should maintain and care for what we have rather than supporting the production and shipping of new materials.

A Mindfulness Regarding our Collective History of Colonialism and Exploitation, and the Continued Experience of the Class War.

Lumber was a primary resource incentivising europeans to extract resources from the Americas. Wealthy people lied to poor people about the opportunities available in the Americas in order to convince them to colonize the Americas and send resources back to Europe. Many of these colonizers died, and many more would have died without the help of Native peoples.

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Native peoples were killed and stripped of their way of life in order to gain control over the land and resources.

The trees cut and used to build historic houses grew in old growth forests that we will never experience again in our lifetimes Preservation of these houses is a way to acknowledge that these trees are not trash to be torn down in the service of Capitalism.

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